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**PRESIDENT OBAMA'S MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL BRYCE  
FOR  
AUSTRALIA DAY 2011**

Dear Governor General:

On behalf of the people of the United States, I congratulate you and the Australian people on your nation's national day on January 26.

This year will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our countries' ANZUS alliance, a testament to the deep and lasting friendship between Australia and the United States.

Australia's great success as a democratic, diverse nation and economic leader continues to be an inspiration, and all countries can learn from Australians' resilience and "mateship" in the face of recent natural disasters.

Today, we celebrate your country's history of accomplishment and reaffirm the great partnership and friendship our two nations share.

I wish all Australians a safe and peaceful celebration and continued prosperity in 2011.

Sincerely,  
Barack Obama

*Note: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton also issued a congratulatory message for Australia Day 2011*  
<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2011/01/155255.htm>